CONDITION OF OMAHA'S TRADE

Volume of Business for the First Six Months Larger Than Ever Before.

REDUCTION IN FREIGHT RATES ON SUGAR

Jobbers Preparing for Big Fall Business and Are Urging Railroads to Build Larger Freight Depots to Handle Increased Business.

Business conditions during the first half of the present year have been most satisfactory to Omaha jobbers and manufacturers. There have, of course, been temporary setbacks, but these always occur, and it may safely be said that taking all things into consideration there has been less to complain about so far this year than during any corresponding period. So far as can be learned, business in practically all lines, both wholesale and retail, has been in a very healthy condition and a big increase over last year is noted. That, of course, means that all previous records have been broken. Not only that, but the outlook for the last half of the year is very encouraging. New people are worrying about the outcome of the corn crop and attention is called to the fact that Nebraska never yet lost a crop from the effects of too much rain. With anything like normal conditions the remainder of the summer those who are posted on crops say that no one will have cause to complain, and another good corn crop means an enormous fall business.

From this time on jobbers, of course, devote practically all of their attention to fall business. Retailers buy very little summer stuff after this date, but on the contrary try to get rid of what they have. Some shipments of fall goods have already been made and preparations are rapidly going forward for shipping out all the advance orders during the next six weeks or two months. Traveling men are out after more business and according to the reports received they are meeting with very gratifying results. Retailers have been doing a rushing business during the last few weeks and as a result they are willing to buy liberally for fall.

In speaking of the prospects for a record breaking fall business, a prominent jobber said that the feature that worried him the most was the lack of facilities on the part of the rullroads for handling freight. He called attention to the fact that jobbers have been increasing the canacity of their houses and in lina way keening up with the growing trade. Th

depots in many years. As a result even during the dull period they have all the busy season they can handle and during the busy season they are simply swamped. In his opinion, what Omaha needs more than any other one thing is larger freight depots.

Groceries in Big Demand.

Wholesale grocers report the demand for

Wholesale grocers report the demand for their line of goods as being exceptionally heavy for this season of the year. In fact meny of the houses have had to work their men overtime in order to give their customers prompt service.

The market is still in a good, healthy condition, with prices on practically all lines good and firm. The sugar market is in practically the same position it was a week ago, but the selling price has been reduced so per 100 lbs. This is not due to any decline in the market on raws, but to a reduction in the freight rates on sugar from the seaboard to the Missouri river. The demand has been very heavy, taking into consideration the fact that the truit crop was damaged by the late frosts, and present prospects are that there will be a brisk trade for some days to come.

The market on beans is strong and fancy hand picked stock is quite scaree. The chapper grades, such as discolored and rain damaged goods, are being offered at lower prices.

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Prices.

The cheese market is strong and an active demand is reported. All offerings, in fact, are being freely taken from the factories at full prices. Little if any change in quotations is looked for in the near future.

The demand for dried fruits continues heavy. This applies to peaches, apricots, apples and prunes. The new crop of apricots is slightly higher than a week ago, the advance amounting to about ic.

The canned goods market is still in a strong position and several lines have scored an advance during the week under review. Corn in particular is strong, with an advancing tendency, and peas are firm at the last advance. It is stated that some packers of peas are as much as 60 per cent short in their deliveries of standard goods.

There has been no change in the rice situation. Desirable grades are very scarce and offered in small quantities.

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The threatened advances in cotton goods have caused many well informed retailers to lay in large stocks of staple goods with which Omaha houses are well supplied. Advances in prints and leading staples have been imperceptible during the last six months, while the cost of raw cotton has advanced fully 40 per cent. It is said, however, that the price changes are not now considered as serious as the threatened shortage of goods. Many leading manufacturers have declined to make goods at present prices, owing to the scarcity and high cost of cotton. As a result a great many of the mills have closed down. Merchants who have kept themselves posted have decided that owing to these conditions cotton goods at present quotations are good property and have been placing liberal orders. It is thought that buying will be still heavier from this time on. There have been no quotable changes during the week under review, but leading Omaha jobbers look for many during the first half of July.

In regard to the condition of trade in general, Omaha dry goods jobbers find that they have had the largest spring business this year on record. The advance order business on fall goods has also been unprecedented, and on account of the exceptent agricultural outlook the business of the remainder of the year is expected to be fully as large as for the first half. Collections continue very satisfactory.

Normal Hardware Trade.

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There is nothing particularly new to report regarding the hardware situation. Prices are in just about the same position they were a week ago and the general market can best be described by calling it firm and active.

Local jobbers report trade as being of normal proportions for this season of the year. All staple and seasonable goods are moving freely and, as compared with last year, jobbers have no complaints to make. Business with them has been steadily increasing the same as with wholesalers in other lines. Agricultural implementa, binder twine, wagons and buggles are also selling to good advantage. So long as the corn crop continues in good condition all implements used in the cultivating and harvesting of the crop will be in big demand. Dealers are looking for a big trade in farm wagons.

Oxfords Moving Better.

There was a much better demand for exfords last week than at any time so far this season, that is so far as the retailer is concerned. The jobbers are of course practically through with summer lines. It now looks as though merchants will clean out their summer stocks in good shape and go into the fall meason with fully as light stocks as usuals.

Fall business is coming along very nicely. Traveling men are taking good orders every day and are far shead of their last year's record.

Cotton Market.

LIVERPOOL, July 4.—COTTON—Spot, in limited demand; prices lower; American, Estevic middling, 6.58d; good middling, 6.58d; good ordinary, 5.58d; The sales of the k. 200 handling, 6.58d; ordinary, 5.58d. The sales of the sales of the day were 1,000 bales, of which 300 ordinary, 5.58d; Ordinary, 5.58d; The sales of the day were 1,000 bales, of which 300 ordinary, 5.58d; Ordinary, 5.58d; The sales of the sales of the day were 1,000 bales, of which 300 ordinary, 5.58d; July 4.—The board of the day were 1,000 bales, of which 300 ordinary, 5.58d; July 4.—The board of the sale sales and sales There is nothing particularly new to re-port regarding the hardware situation. Prices are in just about the same position they were a week ago and the general mar-ket can best be described by calling it firm

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The leather market is in practically the same condition it has been for some little time past. Prices are good and firm and some lines are a little higher than they were a short time ago. The outlook is for a continued firm market for some time to

Fruits and Vegetables.

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Increased receipts and lower prices tells the story of the market on staple lines of fruits and vegetables. As will be seen from the quotations in another column the variety of fruits is very large and quotations on a number of different lines are considerably lower.

Watermelons from Georgia and Florida arrived last week and are selling at 40 cents each and 1% cents per pound respectively. The quality is about the same as usual at this time of year. New potatoes are down to 55 cents per bushel, with prospects for still lower prices in the near future. Old potatoes are scarce and the supply will soon be exhausted. Practically everything in the vegetable line is selling lower than it was a week ago.

The egg market is about the same as it was a week ago, but the loss off is much heavier, owing to the warmer weather. Hens, however, are a little lower, but the demand for apring chickens has kept the price up to 16817 cents. Butter is also a little weaker than it was a few days ago.

OMAHA, July 3.-Bank clearings for the

Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday

Increase, \$354,882.77.

OMAHA WHOLESALE MARKET.

Condition of Trade and Quotations on Staple and Fancy Produce.

TROPICAL FRUITS.
FIGS—California, per 10-1b. cartons, 75c;
Turkish, per 18-1b. box, 18c.
ORANGES—California navels, fancy, for 176 and smaller sizes, 34; for 150 and larger sizes, 33.25; Mediterranean, all sizes, 33.00g canadian Pacific Canadian Pacific Dox, 32; St. Mickes, or paper rine, all sizes, 53.5095, 50. \$3.5094.00.
LEMONS—California fancy, 300 to 380 sizes, 55; 240 to 270 sizes, 54.0094.50; Messinas, 55.
DATES—Persian, in 70-lb, boxes, per lb., 6c; per case of 39-lb, pkgs, \$3.25.
PINEAPPLES—Florida, \$2.75; Cuban, \$2.50.

MISCELLANEOUS.

MAPLE SUGAR—Ohio, per 1b., 10c, POPOORN—Per 1b., 2c; shelled, 4c. HIDES—No. 1 green, 64c; No. 2 green, 54c; No. 1 salted, 8c; No. 2 salted, 7c; No. 1 veal calf, 8 to 12 lbs., 8½c; No. 2 veal calf, 12 to 15 lbs., 6½c; dry salted hides, 8614c; sheep pelts, 25a75c; horsehides, 31.5062.50. NUTS—Walnuts, No. 1 soft shell, per lb., 13c; No. 2 hard shell, per lb., 12c; hard shell, per lb., 12c; filberts, per lb., 12c; almonds, soft shell, per lb., 16c; filberts, per lb., 12c; small per lb., 11c; cocoanuts, per doz., 61c; chestnuts, per lb., 10c; peanuts, per lb., 15½c; coasted peanuts, per lb., 7c; black walnuts, per bu., \$1; black rouse, \$150. MISCELLANEOUS.

NEW YORK GENERAL MARKET.

Quotations of the Day on Various Commodities.

NEW YORK, July 3.—The grain and provision markets were closed in anticipation of the Fourth.

HOPS—Dull; state, common to choice, 176234c; 1901, 14617c; olds, 569c; Pacific coast, 1902, 1844625c; 1901, 14617c; olds, 569c. GPC.

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HIDES—Steady: Galveston. 29 to 25 lbs., 18c; California. 21 to 25 lbs., 19c; Texas, dry, 24 to 30 lbs., 14c.

LEATHER—Steady; hemlock sole, Buenos Ayres, light to heavy weights, acid, 249-2514c.

BUTTER—Receipts, 5,926 pkgs.; steady; state dairy, 1844620c; creamery, 18446204c. Ayres, light to heavy weights, acid, 249
254c.

BUTTER—Receipts, 5,226 pkgs.; steady; state dairy, 1646f20c; creamery, 1646f204c.

CHEESE—Receipts, 5,580 pkgs.; dull; state, full cream, fancy, large and small, colored and white, 194c.

EGGS—Receipts, 9,229 pkgs.; irregular; western, extras, 184c; western seconds to firsts, 1561f0.

POULTRY—Alive, easy; western spring chickens, 15c; fowls, 12c; turkeys, 12c; dressed, weak; western broilers, 1561f6c; fowls, 12c; turkeys, 12g/15c.

METALS—Copper declined about £1 in London, with spot there closing at £35 fs 6d and futures at £56. Locally copper was quiet and unchanged, with lake and electrolytic quoted at \$14.56f14.50 and casting at \$14. Tin declined 2s 6d on spot in London to 151 12s 9d. Locally lead was unchanged at \$12.57.574.6728.1245. Lead declined 1s 3d in London at £20 5s, but was unchanged in London at £20 5s, but was unchanged in London at £20 5s, but was unchanged at \$1.1245. Spelter was

Liverpool Grain Market.

LIVERPOOL, July 4.—WHEAT—Spot, dull; No. 2 red western winter, 6s 2d; No. 1 northern, spring, 6s 5d; No. 1 California, 6s 646d. Futures dull; July, 8s 54d; September, 6s 3d.

CORN—Spot, quiet; American mixed, 4s 10%d. Futures dull; July, 4s 54d; September, 4s 5%d; October, nominal.

' Cotton Market.

Wool Market

LONDON, July 4.—WOOL—Trading is quiet in view of the opening of the fourth series of auction sales on July 7. Imports during the week have been: New South Wales, 19,121 pounds; Queensland, 1,374 pounds; Victoria, 4,500 pounds; South Australia, 47 pounds; New Zealand, 11,252 pounds; Cape of Good Hope and Natal, 4,511 pounds, and elsewhere, 1,540 pounds.

Kansas City Live Stock Market.

KANSAS CITY. July 3.—CATTLE—Receipts, 800 head natives, 600 Texans; calves, 100 natives, 600 Texans. Market about stendy. Choice export and dressed heaf steers, 34.5036.30; fair to good, 33.6934.50; stockers and feeders, 32.7593.50; western fed theres, 32.7593.50; Texas cows, 52.7593.50; native cows, 32.7593.50; Texas cows, 52.7593.50; native cows, 32.7593.50; Texas cows, 52.7593.50; carves, 32.7593.50; Receipts for the week, 23.000 head cattle, 4.000 calves.

HOOS—Receipts 5700 head, Market steady, Top, 35.90; bulk of sales, 35.7595.85; pics, 35.7595.80; pics, 35.7595.80; pics, 35.7595.80; Porkers, 35.7595.85; pics, 35.7595.80; Receipts for the week, 34.000 road.

SHEEP AND LAMBS—Receipts, 2.100 head, Market slow and weak, Native lambs, 32.0093.65; western lambs, 32.0096.75; fed ewes, 52.0035.00; Texas clipped yearlings, 32.3595.15; Texas clipped sheep, 32.0096.00; stockers and teeders, 32.004.00. Receipts for the week, 11,000 head. No market tomorrow. Kansas City Live Stock Market.

St. Joseph Live Stock Market. \$1,436.340 73 \$1,085.887 71 1.250.211 43 1.081.065 85 1.03 head. Weak. Natives. \$4.150 to the first of the fi

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Sioux City Live Stock Market. SIOUX CITY, In., July 1.—(Special Telegram.)—CATTLE—Receipts. 169; killers. weak; beeves. \$4.00(5.00; cows. bulls and mixed. \$2.50(4.25; stockers and feeders. \$2.75 (94.00; calves and yearlings. \$1.00(51.80; HOGS—Receipts. 4.600; market steady; selling. \$5.50(5.56; bulk, \$2.53.

OMAHA LIVE STOCK MARKET

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\$4.50 down.

The cow market was uneven today, but generally steady. Good stuff sold readily, but the common and medium kinds were slow sale, the same as they have been all slow sale. but the common and medium kinds were slow sale, the same as they have been all the week. As compared with the close of last week, the choice grades of cornfed cows and heifers are not a great deal-lower, but all others have, suffered considerably. As a general thing the decline is put at right around a quarter, with extreme cases a little more. It has been a very uneven market all the week and the prices secured for grassers and medium cornfeds have been largely a matter of luck. Canners especially have been hard to dispose of, but they are not a great deal lower for the week, as they have been low sellers for some hatle time. They sell mostly from \$1.75 to \$2.50, fair to good grass cows go from \$2.76 to \$3.00 and good to choice mostly from \$2.76 to \$3.00 and good to choice mostly from \$2.76 to \$3.00 and good cornfeus sell largely from \$2.50 to \$2.50, with fancy grades from that up. Fair to good cornfeus sell largely from \$2.50 to \$2.50, with fancy grades from that up.

Good fat bulls have held nearly steady all the week, but stock bulls have been dull and lower. Veal calves are about 50c lower. Good veals are now selling around \$5.00 and \$5.25.

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There were not enough stock cattle on sale today to talk about. The tendency of prices has been downward this week, as the demand from the country has been very limited. The most of them have sold 15625c lower than last week. Representative sales: tive sales:

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Cattle, Sheep and Lambs Are Slow. While Hogs Drop Lower.

CHICAGO, July 2.—CATTLE—Receipts.
2,009 head. Market slow. Good to prime
steers, \$4,9095.30; poor to medium, \$4,0094.75;
stockers and feeders, \$2,7564.60; cows, \$1,5066
4.60; helfers, \$2,0094.50; canners, \$1,5062.75;
bulls, \$2,0094.60; calves, \$2,5565.00; Texas-fed
steers, \$3,5064.40
HOGS—Receipts, 16,000 head: "imated
for Monday, \$0,000; lift over, 2,600. Market
leftsc lower, closed dull. Mixed and butchers, \$5,7095.55; good to choice heavy, \$5,656
5.75; rough heavy, \$5,6065.50;
was
shilled Analysis, \$6,665.50.
SHEEP AND LAMBS—Receipts, 5,000
head. Market slow; lambs, \$10w; good to
choice wethers, \$3,7564.25; fair to choice
mixed, \$3,0062.75; western sheep, \$2,5094.15;
native lambs, \$4,0096.25. While Hogs Drop Lower.

Stock in Sight. Following were the recepts of live stock

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 Totals...... 6,473 43,495 9,566 St. Louis Live Stock Market.

St. Louis Live Stock Market.

ST. LOUIS. July 3.—CATTLE—Receipts, 1,500 head, including 1,000 Texans. Market fairly active, steady, with stronger demand for Texans. Native shipping and export steers, \$4.2565.25; dressed beef and hutcher steers, \$4.2565.25; dressed beef and hutcher steers, \$4.0065.09; steers under 1,000 hbs, \$3.7564.75; stockers and feeders, \$2.7564.40; canners, \$2.0062.25; buils, \$2.5063.50; calves, \$2.0065.50; Texas and indian steers, \$2.7564.10; cows and helfors, \$2.1563.15.

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64.40; stockers, \$2.00@3.10; Texans, \$3.50@ New York Live Stock Market. NEW YORK, July 3 .- BEEVES-Receipts. 2.994 head; steers, slow to 10c lower; buils and cows, about steady; common to choice steers, \$4.4096.30; bulls, \$3.0094.20; cows, \$1.80 \$4.30; cables, steady; shipments, 5.200 quarters of beef; estimated tomorrow. 913 head cattle, 12 head sheep and 2.863 quarters of beef.

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CALVES—Receipts, 109 head; little more active, but prices lower; veals, \$4,00@5.75; choice and extra, \$6.00@6.35; buttermilks, \$2.7562.80; city dressed veals, slow, 64,00%c r lb.; general tops, 9c; country dressed, 88c. SHEEP AND LAMBS—Receipts. 4.827 head; sheep, slow; lambs fell off 156720c; 5 cars of stock unsold; sheep, \$2.2574.25; lambs, \$5.2576.75; extra, \$6.80; culls, \$4.25.

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